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Refer to Docket # 98N-1038 "Irradiation in the
Production, Processing and Handling of Food."

Dear Mr. Hubbard,

I am writing out of the concern for our future. I am a woman of childbearing age. I hope to begin having children and caring for a family. Food sustains us, heals us - unites us with the life of this planet. I will not sit by and allow this sacred essential aspect of all our lives become contaminated. Irradiation is attractive because it extends shelf life. If our farmers were supported and our growing land was well used a tomato might not have to sit 3 weeks before being purchased. Its about corporatization of our food and making more money from less work.

Irradiation should be seriously considered before allowing. If it is to be allowed - it must be labelled. Those who are in situations where they cannot grow their own food need to be able to make informed

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choices about how to feed their families.
In a recent poll 77% of Americans said they
wouldn't purchase irradiated food. Then why
irradiate! Allowing it to go unlabelled is legalizing
fraud.

Consider this case carefully. The
integrity of FDA is on the line.
Who do you work for?

Sincerely, for my family + all of life

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